

Mike Smith presenting a joyful and uplifting Ragtown Gospel concert.

Several from Bronte are planning to see this production on Saturday, April 10, 2021. They will leave at 10:30 am, have lunch en route, and return following the play. Tickets are \$22 for the play. Discounts are available for groups of 12 or more, and serving military and

veterans are always admitted free in gratitude for their service. The theater does take Covid-19 precautions.

If you are interested in attending with this group, please contact Jeanna at First Baptist Church at (325) 473-2331 or Juanette Gentry at (325) 473-9764. Reservations need to be made by Wednesday, March 31.

Friends of the RLCC meeting held

The Friends of the Robert Lee Care Center met for the monthly meeting at 10 am on Monday, March 22, with six members present.

An update on the gazebo project was given by Della Alexander, who has been in communication with the contractor, G&R Construction. The projected date for the completion of the gazebo is the end of March. Discussion was held to start looking at outdoor furniture to be added to the area once the gazebo is completed. The Gazebo Committee will move forward with discussing the furniture needs with RLCC Activity Director, Mary Rodriguez.

Discussion was held on

whether to plan another fund raising project for before the end of the fiscal year. All present agreed to move forward with holding the established fall/winter fund raisers.

A new employee birthday gift was discussed and voted on for the third year of honoring these workers starting in May 2021. In keeping with trying to stay local and American made, the next round of birthday gifts will feature cookies from a local small business, HeartStead Cookies.

To close out the meeting President Della Alexander asked for volunteers to bake tea cakes for the Mother's Day tea to be held at the Care Center on Friday, May 7. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.

County Commissioners Court posts minutes

March 8, 2021

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in regular session at 9 am on Monday, March 8, 2021, at the courthouse in Robert Lee. Those presented included Judge Hal Spain, Commissioner Precinct 1 Donald Robertson, Commissioner Precinct 2 Paul Williams, Commissioner Precinct 3 Marshall Millican and Commissioner Precinct 4 Joe Sefcik. Also present was Monica Reyes, Clerk.

The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag and prayer was offered by Sheriff Wayne McCutchen.

Judge Spain announced the presence of a quorum.

Commissioner Sefcik made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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There was no Extension Report.

Sheriff Wayne McCutchen presented the Sheriff's Report.

The Tax Collector's Report was presented by Randi Hardesty.

County/District Clerk Monica Reyes presented her report.

Judge Spain presented the Constable's Report.

County Auditor Cindy Winchester presented her report.

Judge Spain presented the Report for Justice of the Peace Russell Johnson.

There were no DR Reports

or Trappers Reports to present.

No motion was made regarding the burn ban and it remains off.

Commissioner Williams notified the court that Katie Cooper-Ramirez would be taking over the Bronte pool.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to accept the line item transfers and the amendments as presented. Commissioner Millican seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to give Judge Spain authority to enter into contracts with Nextlink or right of way at his discretion. Commissioner Millican seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Millican made a motion to approve the resolution to hire Jacob Martin to provide engineering services



Dirt Storm! A very rare Dirt Storm Warning was issued to Coke County, as well as surrounding counties, on Tuesday evening, March 22, 2021. The dirt was readily visible in the sky to the west before the winds picked up and dropped visibility to near zero.

for the 2021-2022 TxCDBG Community Development Fund application and project implementation. Commissioner Sefcik seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Sefcik made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 grievance committee as presented. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to designate Coke County Judge Hal Spain as the grantee's authorized official for Grant #4274301. Commissioner Sefcik seconded the motion and the motion carried.

No action was taken on participation in the TASB Energy Cooperative Fixed Rate Transportation Fuel Pool.

Judge Hal Spain made a motion to enter into a cybersecurity contract with TAC. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Williams updated the Court on the Bronte pool needing new plaster/sealant, and stated that it would be expensive. Commissioner Williams stated that he did not care if it was an expensive job, he

was going to get it done because the Bronte Pool is a valuable asset to the community children. Commissioner Sefcik made the comment that the County should fill it with dirt.

Commissioner Millican expressed his disapproval of the show barn being used for a holding facility for out of County livestock during the storm.

Judge Hal Spain spoke about TxDOT Emergency relief funding and the equipment renewal schedule.

Commissioner Williams moved to pay bills and he was seconded by Commissioner Robertson. The motion carried.

Judge Spain adjourned the meeting at 10:48 am.

March 9, 2021

On Tuesday, March 9, 2021, the Coke County Commissioners Court met in special session at the Coke County Detention Center in Bronte. Members present included Judge Hal Spain, Commissioner Precinct 2 Paul Williams, and Commissioner Precinct 4 Joe Sefcik.

Commissioners Court scheduled an on-site visit to the Detention Center and no action was taken.



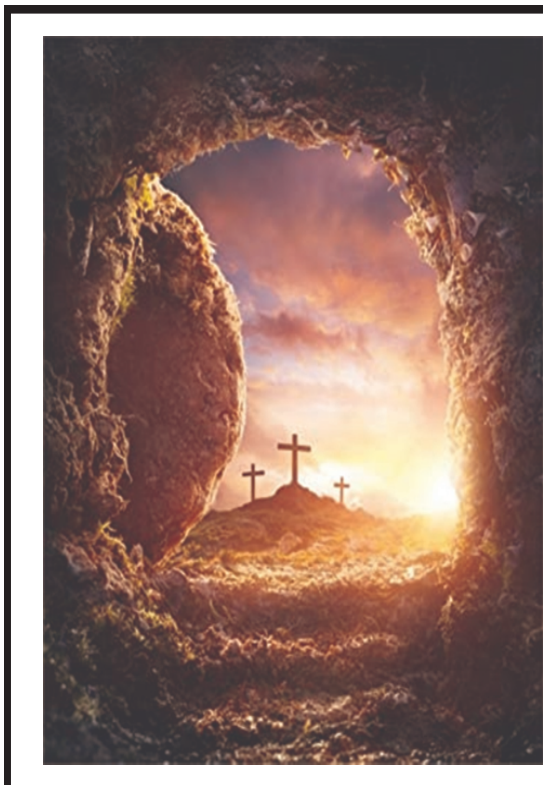
What Is the Office For?

By James M. Decker

Lyndon B. Johnson was at an important crossroads in his political career and in American history. It was November 27, 1963. Four days earlier, President John F. Kennedy had been assassinated. The country was grieving and on edge. Suddenly, the 54 year-old Johnson was thrust into the highest office in the land.

Johnson dreamed for years of achieving the presidency, but this was not how he envisioned it. The Kennedy-Johnson ticket was an arranged marriage and barely skirted to victory in 1960. His term as vice president was dismal. He was ignored, left out of important decisions, and derided as "Uncle Cornpone" by the young, idealistic Kennedy staff.

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Celebrate The Resurrection

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

April 4, 2021

7:00am

Gentry Ranch, 5 miles west of Bronte on Hwy 158

Coffee, Hot Chocolate, and Juice

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